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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TAKESHI SHISHIDO ET AL.)	Examiner: M. Padgett
Application No.: 09/822,191)	Group Art Unit: 1762
Filed: April 2, 2001)	
For: EXHAUST PROCESSING METHOD,)	
PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD)	
AND PLASMA PROCESSING)	
APPARATUS)	March 24, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

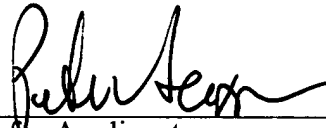
The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents JP 8-218174, JP 7130674, JP 4136175 can be found in the English abstracts attached.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

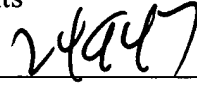
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Respectfully submitted,



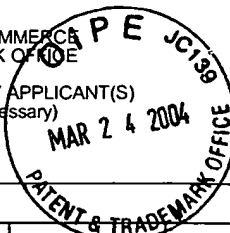
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